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PROVISIONAL SPECIFICATION

for the invention entitled:

"Novel molecules"

The invention is described in the following statement:

NOVEL MOLECULES

The present invention related generally to novel molecules and more particularly novel proteinaceous molecules involved in or associated with regulation of cell activities and/or viability. The present invention is particularly directed to novel serine proteinases and a novel kinase and to derivatives, agonists and antagonists thereof.

Sequence Identity Numbers (SEQ ID NOs.) for the nucleotide and amino acid sequences referred to in the specification are defined at the end of the subject specification.

Throughout this specification and the claims which follow, unless the context requires otherwise, the word "comprise", or variations such as "comprises" or "comprising", will be understood to imply the inclusion of a stated integer or group of integers but not the exclusion of any other integer or group of integers.

The rapidly increasing sophistication of recombinant DNA technology is greatly facilitating research and development in the medical and allied health fields. This is particularly the case in the area of cell regulation leading to a greater understanding of the events leading to or involved in cancer, development of acquired immunodeficiency disease syndrome (AIDS), neurological disorders, heart disease, tissue graft rejection amongst many other conditions.

Two particularly important classes of molecules are the proteinases and kinases.

Proteinases play important roles in a number of physiological and pathological processes such as proteolytic cascades involved in blood coagulation, fibrinolysis and complement activation as well as cleavage of growth factors, hormones and receptors, the release of bioactive molecules and processes involving cell proliferation and development, inflammation, tumour growth and metastasis. Of particular significance are the cellular proteinases, or those proteinases synthesized in cells and tissues which serve to activate or deactivate proteins

responsible for performing specific functions. These proteinases may be found outside the cell, within the cell or may be present on the cell surface.

Serine proteinases are particularly important. These proteinases are characterised by a mechanism involving serine, histidine and aspartate amino acids in the serine proteinase active site. Members of the serine proteinase family which play important roles in a range of cellular functions and which have demonstrated causative roles in human diseases include tissue-type plasminogen activator and thrombin (thrombosis and blood clotting), urokinase-type plasminogen activator (cancer and metastasis), trypsin and elastase (emphysema and liver disease) and angiotensin converting enzyme (hypertension).

A serine proteinase is also implicated in TNFα degradation and soluble TNF-receptor (p75) release by THP1 cells (Vey *et al. Eur. J. Imm. 26,* 2404-2409, 1996). Serine proteinases have been implicated in the activation of macrophages (Nakabo *et al. J. Leukocyte Biol. 60,* 328-336, 1996), in nuclear lamin degradation in apoptosis (McConkey *et al. J.Biol. Chem., 271,* 22398-22406, 1996), in prostaglandin-E2 induced release of soluble TNF receptor shedding (Choi *et al. Cellular Immunology 170,* 178-184, 1996), in PAF sysnthesis (Bussolino *et al. Eur. J. Immunol. 24,* 3131-3139, 1994), and in the proteolysis of IkB, a regulatory molecule important in signal transduction and apoptosis. Release of serine proteinases known as granzymes is central to CTL killing and many of the substrates cleaved by granzymes are also cleaved by cellular proteinases (for example, IL-1β is a substrate for Granzyme B as well as the cysteine proteinase, interleukin 1β-converting enzyme (ICE)). Granzyme A, a serine proteinase with Arg-amidolytic activity, has been reported to induce the production of IL-6 and IL-8 in lung fibroblasts (Sower *et al. Cellular Immunology 171,* 159-163, 1996) and cleaves IL-1β to a 17kD mature form that is biologically active.

Kinases are a large group of molecules, many of which regulate the response of cells to external stimuli. These molecules regulate proliferation and differentiation in eukaryotic cells frequently *via* signal transduction pathways.

The identification of new serine proteinases and kinases permits the development of a range of derivatives, agonists and antagonists at the nucleic acid and protein levels which in turn have applications in the treatment and diagnosis of a range of conditions such as cancer, inflammation, neurological disorders amongst many other conditions including conditions which initiate or promote apoptosis such as viral infection, old age and drug abuse.

Accordingly, one aspect of the present invention provides a novel molecule in isolated form involved in or associated with regulation of cell activity and/or viability.

More particularly, the present invention contemplates a novel serine proteinase in isolated form comprising a sequence of amino acids encoded by a nucleotide sequence, at least a portion of which, is capable of being amplified by polymerase chain reaction (PCR) using the following primers:

5′ ACAGAATTCTGGGTIGTIACIGCIGCICAYTG3′ [SEQ ID NO:1]; and

5′ ACACTTAAGAXIGGICCICCIC/GT/AXTCICC3′ [SEQ ID NO:2];

or a complementary form of said primers.

In a particularly preferred embodiment, the isolated serine proteinase comprises the amino acid sequence substantially set forth in SEQ ID NO:4 or an amino acid sequence having at least about 50% similarity to all or part thereof. This serine proteinase is referred to herein as "HELA2" and is a short isoform.

In another preferred embodiment, the amino acid sequence of the serine proteinase is substantially as set forth in SEQ ID NO:6 or an amino acid sequence having at least about 50% similarity to all or part thereof. This serine proteinase is referred to herein as "HELA2" and is a long isoform.

Yet another preferred embodiment of the present invention provide an amino acid sequence substantially as set forth in SEQ ID NO:8 or an amino acid sequence having at least about 50% similarity to all or part thereof. This serine proteinase is referred to herein as "ATC2".

Yet another aspect of the present invention provides a serine proteinase in isolated form comprising a sequence of amino acids encoded by a nucleotide sequence substantially as set forth in SEQ ID NO:3 or a nucleotide sequence having at least 50% similarity to all or part thereof or a nucleotide sequence capable of hybridising to the sequence set forth in SEQ ID NO:3 under low stringency conditions.

Yet another aspect of the present invention provides a serine proteinase in isolated form comprising a sequence of amino acids encoded by a nucleotide sequence substantially as set forth in SEQ ID NO:5 or a nucleotide sequence having at least 50% similarity to all or part thereof or a nucleotide sequence capable of hybridising to the sequence set forth in SEQ ID NO:5 under low stringency conditions.

Still another aspect of the present invention provides a serine proteinase in isolated form comprising a sequence of amino acids encoded by a nucleotide sequence substantially as set forth in SEQ ID NO:7 or a nucleotide sequence having at least 50% similarity to all or part thereof or a nucleotide sequence capable of hybridising to the sequence set forth in SEQ ID NO:7 under low stringency conditions.

Another embodiment of the present invention is directed to a kinase in isolated form comprising an amino acid sequence substantially as set forth in SEQ ID NO:10 or having 50% amino acid similarity to all or part thereof. This kinase is referred to herein as "BCON3".

In a related embodiment, the kinase comprises an amino acid sequence encoded by a nucleotide sequence substantially as set forth in SEQ ID NO:9 or a nucleotide sequence having at least 50% similarity to all or part of the nucleotide sequence set forth in SEQ ID

NO:9 or a nucleotide sequence capable of hybridising to the nucleotide sequence set forth in SEQ ID NO:9 under low stringency conditions.

The present invention further provides an isolated nucleic acid molecule comprising a sequence of nucleotides substantially as set forth in SEQ ID NO:3 or having 50% similarity to all or part thereof or a nucleic acid molecule capable of hybridising to SEQ ID NO:3 under low stringency conditions.

Another aspect of the present invention provides an isolated nucleic acid molecule comprising a sequence of nucleotides substantially as set forth in SEQ ID NO:5 or having 50% similarity to all or part thereof or a nucleic acid molecule capable of hybridising to SEQ ID NO:5 under low stringency conditions.

Another aspect of the present invention is directed to an isolated nucleic acid molecule comprising a sequence of nucleotides substantially as set forth in SEQ ID NO:7 or having 50% similarity to all or part thereof or a nucleic acid molecule capable of hybridising to SEQ ID NO:7 under low stringency conditions.

Still another aspect of the present invention provides an isolated nucleic acid molecule comprising a sequence of nucleotides substantially as set forth in SEQ ID NO:9 or having 50% similarity to all or part thereof or a nucleic acid molecule capable of hybridising to SEQ ID NO:9 under low stringency conditions.

Reference herein to a low stringency includes low stringency at 42°C includes and encompasses from at least about 1% v/v to at least about 15% v/v formamide and from at least about 1M to at least about 2M salt for hybridisation, and at least about 1M to at least about 2M salt for washing conditions. Alternative stringency conditions may be applied where necessary, such as medium stringency, which includes and encompasses from at least about 16% v/v to at least about 30% v/v formamide and from at least about 0.5M to at least about 0.9M salt for hybridisation, and at least about 0.5M to at least about 0.9M salt for washing conditions, or high

stringency, which includes and encompasses from at least about 31% v/v to at least about 50% v/v formamide and from at least about 0.01M to at least about 0.15M salt for hybridisation, and at least about 0.01M to at least about 0.15M salt for washing conditions.

Reference herein to similarity to "part" of a sequence means similarity to at least about 5 contiguous amino acids or at least about 15 contiguous nucleotide bases and more preferably at least about 9 contiguous amino acids or at least about 27 contiguous nucleotide bases.

The term "similarity" includes exact identity between sequences or, where the sequence differs, different amino acids are related to each other at the structural, functional, biochemical and/or conformational levels.

The term "isolated" includes biological purification and biological separation and encompasses molecules having undergone at least one purification, concentration or separation step relative to its natural environment. For example, a preparation may comprise at least about 10%, preferably at least about 20%, more preferably at least about 30%, still more preferably at least about 50% or greater of the molecule relative to at least one other component in a composition as determined by activity, mass, amino acid content, nucleotide content or other convenient means.

Hereinafter, the molecules of the present invention are referred to as a "proteinase/kinase". The term "proteinase/kinase" includes the serine proteinases HELA2 and ATC2 and the kinase BCON3. The proteinase/kinase of the present invention may be in isolated, naturally occurring form or recombinant or synthetic form or chemical analogues thereof.

The proteinase/kinase of the present invention is preferably of human origin but from non-human origins are also encompassed by the present invention. Non-human animals contemplated by the present invention include primates, livestock animals (e.g. sheep, cows, pigs, goats, horses, donkeys), laboratory test animals (e.g. mice, rats, guinea pigs, hamsters, rabbits), domestic companion animals (e.g. dogs, cats), birds (e.g. chickens, geese, ducks and

other poultry birds, game birds, emus, ostriches) and captive wild or tamed animals (e.g. foxes, kangaroos, dingoes). The present invention also encompasses a proteinase/kinase homologue from *Xenopus* and plants.

The nucleic acid molecules encoding a proteinase/kinase may be genomic DNA, cDNA or RNA such as mRNA.

Another aspect of the present invention contemplates a method for cloning a nucleotide sequence encoding a novel serine proteinase, said method comprising screening a nucleic acid library with said one or more or oligonucleotides defined by SEQ ID NO:1 and/or SEQ ID NO:2 and obtaining a clone therefrom which encodes said novel serine proteinase or part thereof.

Preferably, the nucleic acid library is genomic DNA, cDNA, genomic or mRNA library.

Preferably, the nucleic acid library is a cDNA expression library.

Preferably, the nucleic acid library is of human origin such as from brain, liver, kidney, neo-natal tissue, embryonic tissue, tumour or cancer tissue.

Still another embodiment contemplates the promoter or a functional part thereof of the genomic gene encoding the subject proteinase/kinase of the present invention. The promoter may readily be obtained by, for example, "chromosome walking".

The present invention further contemplates a range of derivatives of the subject proteinase/kinase. Derivatives include fragments, parts, portions, mutants, homologues and analogues of the subject polypeptides and corresponding genetic sequences. Derivatives also include single or multiple amino acid substitutions, deletions and/or additions to the subject molecules or single or multiple nucleotide substitutions, deletions and/or additions to the genetic sequence encoding the molecules. "Additions" to amino acid sequences or nucleotide

sequences include fusions with other peptides, polypeptides or proteins or fusions to nucleotide sequences. Reference herein to the serine proteinase and kinase includes reference to all derivatives thereof including functional derivatives or immunologically interactive derivatives.

Analogues of the subject serine proteinase and kinase contemplated herein include, but are not limited to, modification to side chains, incorporating of unnatural amino acids and/or their derivatives during peptide, polypeptide or protein synthesis and the use of crosslinkers and other methods which impose conformational constraints on the proteinaceous molecule or their analogues.

Examples of side chain modifications contemplated by the present invention include modifications of amino groups such as by reductive alkylation by reaction with an aldehyde followed by reduction with $NaBH_4$; amidination with methylacetimidate; acylation with acetic anhydride; carbamoylation of amino groups with cyanate; trinitrobenzylation of amino groups with 2, 4, 6-trinitrobenzene sulphonic acid (TNBS); acylation of amino groups with succinic anhydride and tetrahydrophthalic anhydride; and pyridoxylation of lysine with pyridoxal-5-phosphate followed by reduction with $NaBH_4$.

The guanidine group of arginine residues may be modified by the formation of heterocyclic condensation products with reagents such as 2,3-butanedione, phenylglyoxal and glyoxal.

The carboxyl group may be modified by carbodiimide activation *via* O-acylisourea formation followed by subsequent derivitisation, for example, to a corresponding amide.

Sulphydryl groups may be modified by methods such as carboxymethylation with iodoacetic acid or iodoacetamide; performic acid oxidation to cysteic acid; formation of a mixed disulphides with other thiol compounds; reaction with maleimide, maleic anhydride or other substituted maleimide; formation of mercurial derivatives using 4-chloromercuribenzoate, 4-chloromercuriphenylsulphonic acid, phenylmercury chloride, 2-chloromercuri-4-nitrophenol and other mercurials; carbamoylation with cyanate at alkaline pH.

Tryptophan residues may be modified by, for example, oxidation with N-bromosuccinimide or alkylation of the indole ring with 2-hydroxy-5-nitrobenzyl bromide or sulphenyl halides. Tyrosine residues on the other hand, may be altered by nitration with tetranitromethane to form a 3-nitrotyrosine derivative.

Modification of the imidazole ring of a histidine residue may be accomplished by alkylation with iodoacetic acid derivatives or N-carbethoxylation with diethylpyrocarbonate.

Examples of incorporating unnatural amino acids and derivatives during peptide synthesis include, but are not limited to, use of norleucine, 4-amino butyric acid, 4-amino-3-hydroxy-5-phenylpentanoic acid, 6-aminohexanoic acid, t-butylglycine, norvaline, phenylglycine, ornithine, sarcosine, 4-amino-3-hydroxy-6-methylheptanoic acid, 2-thienyl alanine and/or D-isomers of amino acids. A list of unnatural amino acid, contemplated herein is shown in Table 1.

Crosslinkers can be used, for example, to stabilise 3D conformations, using homo-bifunctional crosslinkers such as the bifunctional imido esters having $(CH_2)_n$ spacer groups with n=1 to n=6, glutaraldehyde, N-hydroxysuccinimide esters and hetero-bifunctional reagents which usually contain an amino-reactive moiety such as N-hydroxysuccinimide and another group specific-reactive moiety such as maleimido or dithio moiety (SH) or carbodiimide (COOH). In addition, peptides can be conformationally constrained by, for example, incorporation of C_α and N_α-methylamino acids, introduction of double bonds between C_α and C_β atoms of amino acids and the formation of cyclic peptides or analogues by introducing covalent bonds such as forming an amide bond between the N and C termini, between two side chains or between a side chain and the N or C terminus.

These types of modifications may be important to stabilise the proteinase/kinase if administered to an individual or for use as a diagnostic reagent.

The present invention further contemplates chemical analogues of the proteinase/kinase capable

of acting as antagonists or agonists of the native molecules or which can act as functional analogues of the native molecules. For example, an antagonist may be a proteinase inhibitor. Chemical analogues may not necessarily be derived from the subject enzymes but may share certain conformational similarities. Alternatively, chemical analogues may be specifically designed to mimic certain physiochemical properties of the serine proteinases or kinases. Chemical analogues may be chemically synthesised or may be detected following, for example, natural product screening.

The identification of the novel molecules of the present invention permits the generation of a range of therapeutic molecules capable of modulating expression of their native counterparts or modulating their activity. Modulators contemplated by the present invention includes agonists and antagonists of proteinase/kinase expression. Antagonists of proteinase/kinase expression include antisense molecules, ribozymes and co-suppression molecules. Agonists include molecules which increase promoter ability or interfere with negative regulatory mechanisms. Agonists of proteinase/kinase include molecules which overcome any negative regulatory mechanism. Antagonists of the proteinase/kinase include antibodies and inhibitor peptide fragments.

TABLE 1

Non-conventional amino acid	Code	Non-conventional amino acid	Code
α-aminobutyric acid	Abu	L-N-methylalanine	Nmala
α-amino-α-methylbutyrate	Mgabu	L-N-methylarginine	Nmarg
aminocyclopropane-carboxylate	Cpro	L-N-methylasparagine	Nmasn
		L-N-methylaspartic acid	Nmasp
aminoisobutyric acid	Aib	L-N-methylcysteine	Nmcys
aminonorbornyl-carboxylate	Norb	L-N-methylglutamine	Nmgln
		L-N-methylglutamic acid	Nmglu
cyclohexylalanine		Chexa L-N-methylhistidine	Nmhis
cyclopentylalanine	Cpen	L-N-methylisolleucine	Nmile
D-alanine	Dal	L-N-methylleucine	Nmleu
D-arginine	Darg	L-N-methyllysine	Nmlys
D-aspartic acid	Dasp	L-N-methylmethionine	Nmmet
D-cysteine	Dcys	L-N-methylnorleucine	Nmnle
D-glutamine	Dgln	L-N-methylnorvaline	Nmnva
D-glutamic acid	Dglu	L-N-methylornithine	Nmorn
D-histidine	Dhis	L-N-methylphenylalanine	Nmphe
D-isoleucine	Dile	L-N-methylproline	Nmpro
D-leucine	Dleu	L-N-methylserine	Nmser
D-lysine	Dlys	L-N-methylthreonine	Nmthr
D-methionine	Dmet	L-N-methyltryptophan	Nmtrp
D-ornithine	Dorn	L-N-methyltyrosine	Nmtyr
D-phenylalanine	Dphe	L-N-methylvaline	Nmval
D-proline	Dpro	L-N-methylethylglycine	Nmetg
D-serine	Dser	L-N-methyl-t-butylglycine	Nmtbug
D-threonine	Dthr	L-norleucine	Nle

	D-tryptophan	Dtrp	L-norvaline	Nva
	D-tyrosine	Dtyr	α-methyl-aminoisobutyrate	Maib
	D-valine	Dval	α-methyl-γ-aminobutyrate	Mgabu
	D-α-methylalanine	Dmala	α-methylcyclohexylalanine	Mchexa
5	D-α-methylarginine	Dmarg	α-methylcylcopentylalanine	Mcpen
	D-α-methylasparagine	Dmasn	α-methyl-α-napthylalanine	Manap
	D-α-methylaspartate	Dmasp	α-methylpenicillamine	Mpen
	D-α-methylcysteine	Dmcys	N-(4-aminobutyl)glycine	Nglu
	D-α-methylglutamine	Dmgln	N-(2-aminoethyl)glycine	Naeg
10	D-α-methylhistidine	Dmhis	N-(3-aminopropyl)glycine	Norn
	D-α-methylisoleucine	Dmile	N-amino-α-methylbutyrate	Nmaabu
	D-α-methylleucine	Dmleu	α-napthylalanine	Anap
	D-α-methyllysine	Dmlys	N-benzylglycine	Nphe
	D-α-methylmethionine	Dmmet	N-(2-carbamylethyl)glycine	Ngln
15	D-α-methylornithine	Dmorn	N-(carbamylmethyl)glycine	Nasn
	D-α-methylphenylalanine	Dmphe	N-(2-carboxyethyl)glycine	Nglu
	D-α-methylproline	Dmpro	N-(carboxymethyl)glycine	Nasp
	D-α-methylserine	Dmser	N-cyclobutylglycine	Ncbut
	D-α-methylthreonine	Dmthr	N-cycloheptylglycine	Nchep
20	D-α-methyltryptophan	Dmtrp	N-cyclohexylglycine	Nchex
	D-α-methyltyrosine	Dmty	N-cyclodecylglycine	Ncdec
	D-α-methylvaline	Dmval	N-cylcododecylglycine	Ncdod
	D-N-methylalanine	Dnmala	N-cyclooctylglycine	Ncoct
	D-N-methylarginine	Dnmarg	N-cyclopropylglycine	Ncpro
25	D-N-methylasparagine	Dnmasn	N-cycloundecylglycine	Ncund
	D-N-methylaspartate	Dnmasp	N-(2,2-diphenylethyl)glycine	Nbhm
	D-N-methylcysteine	Dnmcys	N-(3,3-diphenylpropyl)glycine	Nbhe
	D-N-methylglutamine	Dnmgln	N-(3-guanidinopropyl)glycine	Narg
	D-N-methylglutamate	Dnmglu	N-(1-hydroxyethyl)glycine	Nthr
30	D-N-methylhistidine	Dnmhis	N-(hydroxyethyl))glycine	Nser

	D-N-methylisoleucine	Dnmile	N-(imidazolylethyl))glycine	Nhis
	D-N-methylleucine	Dnmleu	N-(3-indolylyethyl)glycine	Nhtrp
	D-N-methyllysine	Dnmlys	N-methyl-γ-aminobutyrate	Nmgabu
	N-methylcyclohexylalanine	Nmchexa	D-N-methylmethionine	Dnmmet
	D-N-methylornithine	Dnmorn	N-methylcyclopentylalanine	Nmcpen
	N-methylglycine	Nala	D-N-methylphenylalanine	Dnmphe
	N-methylaminoisobutyrate	Nmaib	D-N-methylproline	Dnmpro
	N-(1-methylpropyl)glycine	Nile	D-N-methylserine	Dnmser
	N-(2-methylpropyl)glycine	Nleu	D-N-methylthreonine	Dnmthr
	D-N-methyltryptophan	Dnmtrp	N-(1-methylethyl)glycine	Nval
	D-N-methyltyrosine	Dnmtyr	N-methyla-napthylalanine	Nmanap
	D-N-methylvaline	Dnmval	N-methylpenicillamine	Nmpen
	γ-aminobutyric acid	Gabu	N-(*p*-hydroxyphenyl)glycine	Nhtyr
	L-*t*-butylglycine	Tbug	N-(thiomethyl)glycine	Ncys
	L-ethylglycine	Etg	penicillamine	Pen
	L-homophenylalanine	Hphe	L-α-methylalanine	Mala
	L-α-methylarginine	Marg	L-α-methylasparagine	Masn
	L-α-methylaspartate	Masp	L-α-methyl-*t*-butylglycine	Mtbug
	L-α-methylcysteine	Mcys	L-methylethylglycine	Metg
	L-α-methylglutamine	Mgln	L-α-methylglutamate	Mglu
	L-α-methylhistidine	Mhis	L-α-methylhomophenylalanine	Mhphe
	L-α-methylisoleucine	Mile	N-(2-methylthioethyl)glycine	Nmet
	L-α-methylleucine	Mleu	L-α-methyllysine	Mlys
	L-α-methylmethionine	Mmet	L-α-methylnorleucine	Mnle
	L-α-methylnorvaline	Mnva	L-α-methylornithine	Morn
	L-α-methylphenylalanine	Mphe	L-α-methylproline	Mpro
	L-α-methylserine	Mser	L-α-methylthreonine	Mthr
	L-α-methyltryptophan	Mtrp	L-α-methyltyrosine	Mtyr

L-α-methylvaline	Mval	L-N-methylhomophenylalanine	Nmhphe
N-(N-(2,2-diphenylethyl) carbamylmethyl)glycine	Nnbhm	N-(N-(3,3-diphenylpropyl) carbamylmethyl)glycine	Nnbhe
1-carboxy-1-(2,2-diphenyl-ethylamino)cyclopropane	Nmbc		

Other derivatives contemplated by the present invention include a range of glycosylation variants from a completely unglycosylated molecule to a modified glycosylated molecule. Altered glycosylation patterns may result from expression of recombinant molecules in different host cells.

Another embodiment of the present invention contemplates a method for modulating expression of proteinase/kinase in a human, said method comprising contacting the proteinase/kinase gene encoding proteinase/kinase with an effective amount of a modulator of proteinase/kinase expression for a time and under conditions sufficient to up-regulate or down-regulate or otherwise modulate expression of proteinase/kinase. For example, a nucleic acid molecule encoding proteinase/kinase or a derivative thereof may be introduced into a cell conversely, proteinase/kinase antisense sequences such as oligonucleotides may be introduced.

Another aspect of the present invention contemplates a method of modulating activity of proteinase/kinase in a human, said method comprising administering to said mammal a modulating effective amount of a molecule for a time and under conditions sufficient to increase or decrease proteinase/kinase activity. The molecule may be a proteinaceous molecule or a chemical entity and may also be a derivative of proteinase/kinase or its receptor or a chemical analogue or truncation mutant of proteinase/kinase or its receptor.

Accordingly, the present invention contemplates a pharmaceutical composition comprising proteinase/kinase or a derivative thereof or a modulator of proteinase/kinase expression or

proteinase/kinase activity and one or more pharmaceutically acceptable carriers and/or diluents. These components are referred to as the active ingredients.

The pharmaceutical forms suitable for injectable use include sterile aqueous solutions (where water soluble) or dispersions and sterile powders for the extemporaneous preparation of sterile injectable solutions or dispersion or may be in the form of a cream or other form suitable for topical application. It must be stable under the conditions of manufacture and storage and must be preserved against the contaminating action of microorganisms such as bacteria and fungi. The carrier can be a solvent or dispersion medium containing, for example, water, ethanol, polyol (for example, glycerol, propylene glycol and liquid polyethylene glycol, and the like), suitable mixtures thereof, and vegetable oils. The proper fluidity can be maintained, for example, by the use of a coating such as licithin, by the maintenance of the required particle size in the case of dispersion and by the use of superfactants. The preventions of the action of microorganisms can be brought about by various antibacterial and antifungal agents, for example, parabens, chlorobutanol, phenol, sorbic acid, thirmerosal and the like. In many cases, it will be preferable to include isotonic agents, for example, sugars or sodium chloride. Prolonged absorption of the injectable compositions can be brought about by the use in the compositions of agents delaying absorption, for example, aluminum monostearate and gelatin.

Sterile injectable solutions are prepared by incorporating the active compounds in the required amount in the appropriate solvent with various of the other ingredients enumerated above, as required, followed by filtered sterilization. Generally, dispersions are prepared by incorporating the various sterilized active ingredient into a sterile vehicle which contains the basic dispersion medium and the required other ingredients from those enumerated above. In the case of sterile powders for the preparation of sterile injectable solutions, the preferred methods of preparation are vacuum drying and the freeze-drying technique which yield a powder of the active ingredient plus any additional desired ingredient from previously sterile-filtered solution thereof.

When the active ingredients are suitably protected they may be orally administered, for

example, with an inert diluent or with an assimilable edible carrier, or it may be enclosed in hard or soft shell gelatin capsule, or it may be compressed into tablets, or it may be incorporated directly with the food of the diet. For oral therapeutic administration, the active compound may be incorporated with excipients and used in the form of ingestible tablets, buccal tablets, troches, capsules, elixirs, suspensions, syrups, wafers, and the like. Such compositions and preparations should contain at least 1% by weight of active compound. The percentage of the compositions and preparations may, of course, be varied and may conveniently be between about 5 to about 80% of the weight of the unit. The amount of active compound in such therapeutically useful compositions in such that a suitable dosage will be obtained. Preferred compositions or preparations according to the present invention are prepared so that an oral dosage unit form contains between about 0.1 ug and 2000 mg of active compound.

The tablets, troches, pills, capsules and the like may also contain the components as listed hereafter. A binder such as gum, acacia, corn starch or gelatin; excipients such as dicalcium phosphate; a disintegrating agent such as corn starch, potato starch, alginic acid and the like; a lubricant such as magnesium stearate; and a sweetening agent such a sucrose, lactose or saccharin may be added or a flavouring agent such as peppermint, oil of wintergreen, or cherry flavouring. When the dosage unit form is a capsule, it may contain, in addition to materials of the above type, a liquid carrier. Various other materials may be present as coatings or to otherwise modify the physical form of the dosage unit. For instance, tablets, pills, or capsules may be coated with shellac, sugar or both. A syrup or elixir may contain the active compound, sucrose as a sweetening agent, methyl and propylparabens as preservatives, a dye and flavouring such as cherry or orange flavour. Of course, any material used in preparing any dosage unit form should be pharmaceutically pure and substantially non-toxic in the amounts employed. In addition, the active compound(s) may be incorporated into sustained-release preparations and formulations.

The present invention also extends to forms suitable for topical application such as creams, lotions and gels.

Pharmaceutically acceptable carriers and/or diluents include any and all solvents, dispersion media, coatings, antibacterial and antifungal agents, isotonic and absorption delaying agents and the like. The use of such media and agents for pharmaceutical active substances is well known in the art. Except insofar as any conventional media or agent is incompatible with the active ingredient, use thereof in the therapeutic compositions is contemplated. Supplementary active ingredients can also be incorporated into the compositions.

It is especially advantageous to formulate parenteral compositions in dosage unit form for ease of administration and uniformity of dosage. Dosage unit form as used herein refers to physically discrete units suited as unitary dosages for the mammalian subjects to be treated; each unit containing a predetermined quantity of active material calculated to produce the desired therapeutic effect in association with the required pharmaceutical carrier. The specification for the novel dosage unit forms of the invention are dictated by and directly dependent on (a) the unique characteristics of the active material and the particular therapeutic effect to be achieved, and (b) the limitations inherent in the art of compounding such an active material for the treatment of disease in living subjects having a diseased condition in which bodily health is impaired as herein disclosed in detail.

The principal active ingredient is compounded for convenient and effective administration in effective amounts with a suitable pharmaceutically acceptable carrier in dosage unit form as hereinbefore disclosed. A unit dosage form can, for example, contain the principal active compound in amounts ranging from 0.5 μg to about 2000 mg. Expressed in proportions, the active compound is generally present in from about 0.5 μg to about 2000 mg/ml of carrier. In the case of compositions containing supplementary active ingredients, the dosages are determined by reference to the usual dose and manner of administration of the said ingredients.

The pharmaceutical composition may also comprise genetic molecules such as a vector capable of transfecting target cells where the vector carries a nucleic acid molecule capable of modulating proteinase/kinase expression or proteinase/kinase activity. The vector may, for example, be a viral vector.

Still another aspect of the present invention is directed to antibodies to proteinase/kinase and its derivatives. Such antibodies may be monoclonal or polyclonal and may be selected from naturally occurring antibodies to proteinase/kinase or may be specifically raised to proteinase/kinase or derivatives thereof. In the case of the latter, proteinase/kinase or its derivatives may first need to be associated with a carrier molecule. The antibodies and/or recombinant proteinase/kinase or its derivatives of the present invention are particularly useful as therapeutic or diagnostic agents.

For example, proteinase/kinase and its derivatives can be used to screen for naturally occurring antibodies to proteinase/kinase. These may occur, for example in some autoimmune diseases. Alternatively, specific antibodies can be used to screen for proteinase/kinase. Techniques for such assays are well known in the art and include, for example, sandwich assays and ELISA. Knowledge of proteinase/kinase levels may be important for diagnosis of certain cancers or a predisposition to cancers or for monitoring certain therapeutic protocols.

Antibodies the proteinase/kinase of the present invention may be monoclonal or polyclonal. Alternatively, fragments of antibodies may be used such as Fab fragments. Furthermore, the present invention extends to recombinant and synthetic antibodies and to antibody hybrids. A "synthetic antibody" is considered herein to include fragments and hybrids of antibodies. The antibodies of this aspect of the present invention are particularly useful for immunotherapy and may also be used as a diagnostic tool for assessing apoptosis or monitoring the program of a therapeutic regimin.

For example, specific antibodies can be used to screen for proteinase/kinase proteins. The latter would be important, for example, as a means for screening for levels of proteinase/kinase

in a cell extract or other biological fluid or purifying proteinase/kinase made by recombinant means from culture supernatant fluid. Techniques for the assays contemplated herein are known in the art and include, for example, sandwich assays and ELISA.

It is within the scope of this invention to include any second antibodies (monoclonal, polyclonal or fragments of antibodies or synthetic antibodies) directed to the first mentioned antibodies discussed above. Both the first and second antibodies may be used in detection assays or a first antibody may be used with a commercially available anti-immunoglobulin antibody. An antibody as contemplated herein includes any antibody specific to any region of proteinase/kinase.

Both polyclonal and monoclonal antibodies are obtainable by immunization with the enzyme or protein and either type is utilizable for immunoassays. The methods of obtaining both types of sera are well known in the art. Polyclonal sera are less preferred but are relatively easily prepared by injection of a suitable laboratory animal with an effective amount of proteinase/kinase, or antigenic parts thereof, collecting serum from the animal, and isolating specific sera by any of the known immunoadsorbent techniques. Although antibodies produced by this method are utilizable in virtually any type of immunoassay, they are generally less favoured because of the potential heterogeneity of the product.

The use of monoclonal antibodies in an immunoassay is particularly preferred because of the ability to produce them in large quantities and the homogeneity of the product. The preparation of hybridoma cell lines for monoclonal antibody production derived by fusing an immortal cell line and lymphocytes sensitized against the immunogenic preparation can be done by techniques which are well known to those who are skilled in the art.

Another aspect of the present invention contemplates a method for detecting proteinase/kinase in a biological sample from a subject said method comprising contacting said biological sample with an antibody specific for proteinase/kinase or its derivatives or homologues for a time and under conditions sufficient for an antibody-proteinase/kinase complex to form, and

then detecting said complex.

The presence of proteinase/kinase may be accomplished in a number of ways such as by Western blotting and ELISA procedures. A wide range of immunoassay techniques are available as can be seen by reference to US Patent Nos. 4,016,043, 4, 424,279 and 4,018,653. These, of course, includes both single-site and two-site or "sandwich" assays of the non-competitive types, as well as in the traditional competitive binding assays. These assays also include direct binding of a labelled antibody to a target.

Sandwich assays are among the most useful and commonly used assays and are favoured for use in the present invention. A number of variations of the sandwich assay technique exist, and all are intended to be encompassed by the present invention. Briefly, in a typical forward assay, an unlabelled antibody is immobilized on a solid substrate and the sample to be tested brought into contact with the bound molecule. After a suitable period of incubation, for a period of time sufficient to allow formation of an antibody-antigen complex, a second antibody specific to the antigen, labelled with a reporter molecule capable of producing a detectable signal is then added and incubated, allowing time sufficient for the formation of another complex of antibody-antigen-labelled antibody. Any unreacted material is washed away, and the presence of the antigen is determined by observation of a signal produced by the reporter molecule. The results may either be qualitative, by simple observation of the visible signal, or may be quantitated by comparing with a control sample containing known amounts of hapten. Variations on the forward assay include a simultaneous assay, in which both sample and labelled antibody are added simultaneously to the bound antibody. These techniques are well known to those skilled in the art, including any minor variations as will be readily apparent. In accordance with the present invention the sample is one which might contain proteinase/kinase including cell extract, tissue biopsy or possibly serum, saliva, mucosal secretions, lymph, tissue fluid and respiratory fluid. The sample is, therefore, generally a biological sample comprising biological fluid but also extends to fermentation fluid and supernatant fluid such as from a cell culture.

In the typical forward sandwich assay, a first antibody having specificity for the proteinase/kinase or antigenic parts thereof, is either covalently or passively bound to a solid surface. The solid surface is typically glass or a polymer, the most commonly used polymers being cellulose, polyacrylamide, nylon, polystyrene, polyvinyl chloride or polypropylene. The solid supports may be in the form of tubes, beads, discs of microplates, or any other surface suitable for conducting an immunoassay. The binding processes are well-known in the art and generally consist of cross-linking covalently binding or physically adsorbing, the polymer-antibody complex is washed in preparation for the test sample. An aliquot of the sample to be tested is then added to the solid phase complex and incubated for a period of time sufficient (e.g. 2-40 minutes) and under suitable conditions (e.g. 25°C) to allow binding of any subunit present in the antibody. Following the incubation period, the antibody subunit solid phase is washed and dried and incubated with a second antibody specific for a portion of the hapten. The second antibody is linked to a reporter molecule which is used to indicate the binding of the second antibody to the hapten.

An alternative method involves immobilizing the target molecules in the biological sample and then exposing the immobilized target to specific antibody which may or may not be labelled with a reporter molecule. Depending on the amount of target and the strength of the reporter molecule signal, a bound target may be detectable by direct labelling with the antibody. Alternatively, a second labelled antibody, specific to the first antibody is exposed to the target-first antibody complex to form a target-first antibody-second antibody tertiary complex. The complex is detected by the signal emitted by the reporter molecule.

By "reporter molecule" as used in the present specification, is meant a molecule which, by its chemical nature, provides an analytically identifiable signal which allows the detection of antigen-bound antibody. Detection may be either qualitative or quantitative. The most commonly used reporter molecules in this type of assay are either enzymes, fluorophores or radionuclide containing molecules (i.e. radioisotopes) and chemiluminescent molecules.

In the case of an enzyme immunoassay, an enzyme is conjugated to the second antibody, generally by means of glutaraldehyde or periodate. As will be readily recognized, however,

a wide variety of different conjugation techniques exist, which are readily available to the skilled artisan. Commonly used enzymes include horseradish peroxidase, glucose oxidase, beta-galactosidase and alkaline phosphatase, amongst others. The substrates to be used with the specific enzymes are generally chosen for the production, upon hydrolysis by the corresponding enzyme, of a detectable colour change. Examples of suitable enzymes include alkaline phosphatase and peroxidase. It is also possible to employ fluorogenic substrates, which yield a fluorescent product rather than the chromogenic substrates noted above. In all cases, the enzyme-labelled antibody is added to the first antibody hapten complex, allowed to bind, and then the excess reagent is washed away. A solution containing the appropriate substrate is then added to the complex of antibody-antigen-antibody. The substrate will react with the enzyme linked to the second antibody, giving a qualitative visual signal, which may be further quantitated, usually spectrophotometrically, to give an indication of the amount of hapten which was present in the sample. "Reporter molecule" also extends to use of cell agglutination or inhibition of agglutination such as red blood cells on latex beads, and the like.

Alternately, fluorescent compounds, such as fluorescein and rhodamine, may be chemically coupled to antibodies without altering their binding capacity. When activated by illumination with light of a particular wavelength, the fluorochrome-labelled antibody adsorbs the light energy, inducing a state to excitability in the molecule, followed by emission of the light at a characteristic colour visually detectable with a light microscope. As in the EIA, the fluorescent labelled antibody is allowed to bind to the first antibody-hapten complex. After washing off the unbound reagent, the remaining tertiary complex is then exposed to the light of the appropriate wavelength the fluorescence observed indicates the presence of the hapten of interest. Immunofluorescene and EIA techniques are both very well established in the art and are particularly preferred for the present method. However, other reporter molecules, such as radioisotope, chemiluminescent or bioluminescent molecules, may also be employed.

The present invention also contemplates genetic assays such as involving PCR analysis to detect proteinase/kinase gene or its derivatives. Alternative methods or methods used in conjunction include direct nucleotide sequencing or mutation scanning such as single stranded

conformation polymorphoms analysis (SSCP), specific oligonucleotide hybridisation, and methods such as direct protein truncation tests.

The nucleic acid molecules of the present invention may be DNA or RNA. When the nucleic acid molecule is in DNA form, it may be genomic DNA or cDNA. RNA forms of the nucleic acid molecules of the present invention are generally mRNA.

Although the nucleic acid molecules of the present invention are generally in isolated form, they may be integrated into or ligated to or otherwise fused or associated with other genetic molecules such as vector molecules and in particular expression vector molecules. Vectors and expression vectors are generally capable of replication and, if applicable, expression in one or both of a prokaryotic cell or a eukaryotic cell. Preferably, prokaryotic cells include *E. coli, Bacillus sp* and *Pseudomonas sp.* Preferred eukaryotic cells include yeast, fungal, mammalian and insect cells.

Accordingly, another aspect of the present invention contemplates a genetic construct comprising a vector portion and a mammalian and more particularly a human proteinase/kinase gene portion, which proteinase/kinase gene portion is capable of encoding an proteinase/kinase polypeptide or a functional or immunologically interactive derivative thereof.

Preferably, the proteinase/kinase gene portion of the genetic construct is operably linked to a promoter on the vector such that said promoter is capable of directing expression of said proteinase/kinase gene portion in an appropriate cell.

In addition, the proteinase/kinase gene portion of the genetic construct may comprise all or part of the gene fused to another genetic sequence such as a nucleotide sequence encoding glutathione-S-transferase or part thereof.

The present invention extends to such genetic constructs and to prokaryotic or eukaryotic cells

comprising same.

The present invention also extends to any or all derivatives of proteinase/kinase including mutants, part, fragments, portions, homologues and analogues or their encoding genetic sequence including single or multiple nucleotide or amino acid substitutions, additions and/or deletions to the naturally occurring nucleotide or amino acid sequence. The present invention further encompasses hybrids between the proteinase/kinases such as to broaden the spectrum of activity and to ligands and substrates of the proteinase/kinase.

The proteinase/kinase and its genetic sequence of the present invention will be useful in the generation of a range of therapeutic and diagnostic reagents.

Soluble proteinase/kinase polypeptides or other derivatives, agonists or antagonists are also contemplated to be useful in the treatment of disease, injury or abnormality in the nervous system, e.g. in relation to central or peripheral nervous system to treat Cerebral Palsy, trauma induced paralysis, vascular ischaemia associated with stroke, neuronal tumours, motoneurone disease, Parkinson's disease, Huntington's disease, Alzheimer's disease, Multiple Sclerosis, peripheral neuropathies associated with diabetes, heavy metal or alcohol toxicity, renal failure and infectious diseases such as herpes, rubella, measles, chicken pox, HIV or HTLV-1. Other conditions for which the proteinase/kinase are useful include cancer, metastasis and autoimmune disease amongst many others.

A further aspect of the present invention contemplates the use of proteinase/kinase or its functional derivatives in the manufacture of a medicament for the treatment of proteinase/kinase mediated conditions defective or deficient.

The present invention is further described by the following non-limiting Figures and Examples.

In the Figures:

Figure 1 is a representation showing (A) schematic and (B) hydrophobicity plot of the HELA2 amino acid sequence.

Figure 2 is a photograph representation showing Northern blot analysis of HELA2.

Total RNA was isolated from HeLa cells and HeLa cells stably transfected with a PA1-2 expressing construct (S1a cells). S1a cells had been treated with TNF and cycloheximide for the times shown. Ten μg of total RNA was eletrophoresed on a denaturing agarose gel, transferred to Hybond N and fixed by UV irradiation. DNA for probing was recovered by EcoR1 digestion of the pGEM-T cloned RT-PCR product (450 bp). Radiolabelling was performed by the random priming method. Blots were washed to a stringency of 0.2 x SSC and 0.1% w/v SDS.

Figure 3 is a photographic representation showing Northern analysis of BCON3. The method is as described in the legend for Figure 2.

EXAMPLE 1
CLONING PROCEDURES

In order to identify serine proteinases that may be involved in regulatory cellular functions, a genetic screening approach was applied using degenerate primers corresponding to conserved regions of serine proteinases (amino acids flanking His- and Ser- residues) to amplify gene fragments spanning these regions from cDNA, using a low stringency RT-PCR (Reverse Transcriptase-Polymerase Chain Reaction) approach.

By this technique, the aim was to isolate low abundance genes as well as those present in moderate to high abundance. The cDNA used for these experiments was isolated from a HeLa cell cytotoxicity model wherein PAI-2 expression inhibits TNFα-induced apoptosis (Dickinson, *et al J. Biol. Chem. 270,* 27894-27904, 1995). These PAI-2 expressing cells provide a unique and viable system for investigating TNF signalling pathways as they are protected from the cytotoxic effects of TNFα.

cDNA was generated from RNA isolated from PAI-2 expressing HeLa cells, untreated and following treatment with TNF and cycloheximide. Amplification of both cDNA populations using PCR and the following serine proteinase degenerate primers,

His Primer: 5'ACAGAATTCTGGGTIGTIACIGCIGCICAYTG3' [SEQ ID NO:1],
Ser Primer: 5'ACACTTAAGAXIGGICCICCIC/GT/AXTCICC3' [SEQ ID NO:2]

produced DNA fragments in the range of 480bp, the approximate predicted size of the serine proteinase intergenic region. These amplified DNA fragments were cloned into *E. coli* generating a library containing approximately 150 independent clones. We have analysed 36 of these clones were analysed and found that 9 encode the previously identified serine proteinases, tissue-type or urokinase-type plasminogen activators, thereby demonstrating the efficacy of this approach. Of the other 36, two were found to encode novel open reading frames with high homology to serine proteinases and are referred to herein as "HELA2" and

"ATC2". One additional clone, "BCON3", designated herein showed homology to the family of kinases. Extension of the DNA fragments by RACE in both 5′ and 3′ directions using internally derived primers has verified their homology to the serine proteinase family. The DNA sequences are unique in that they are markedly different from any known DNA or protein sequence in the Genbank and NBRF databases.

EXAMPLE 2
HELA2 SERINE PROTEINASE

The HELA2 mRNA transcript is approximately 1.5kb as approximated from Northern blots. Nucleic acid sequence was obtained for 1.1kb of HELA2 which spans the entire coding region, the 3′ noncoding region and part of the 5′ noncoding region. The coding region starts with an ATG codon which is present in a motif analogous to the Kozak eukaryotic translation initiation consensus sequence. Alignment of the deduced amino acid sequence of HELA2 with homologous serine proteinases shows that the cDNA encodes a 314aa polypeptide with a calculated molecular weight of 34.8kD, which is synthesized as a zymogen containing pre-, pro- and catalytic regions. The pro- region (or light chain) and the catalytic region (heavy chain) are delineated by a classic serine proteinase activation motif Arg-Ile-Val-Gly-Gly with cleavage likely occurring between Arg and Ile. The catalytic region includes the catalytic triad of His, Asp and Ser in positions and motifs which are highly conserved among the serine proteinases. Ten Cys residues occur in conserved positions: by analogy to other serine proteinases, eight of these function to form disulfide bridges within the catalytic region and the remaining two link the pro- and catalytic regions.

Structural features conserved in the binding pockets of serine proteinases are present in HELA2. An Asp residue at the bottom of the serine proteinase binding pocket six residues before the active site Ser in HELA2 indicates that HELA2 has trypsin-like specificity, with proteolytic cleavage after Arg or Lys in target substrates. HELA2 also contains a conserved Ser-Trp-Gly motif at the top of the binding pocket which is involved in hydrogen bonding with target substrates in other serine proteinases. Two isoforms of HELA2 were identified

in a HeLa cell cDNA library (Stratagene UniZap HeLa Library) which differ by an insertion of 2aa (Tyr-Ser) within the catalytic binding pocket. At the DNA level there is a corresponding insertion of 6 nucleotides which generates a *Sfi*1 restriction enzyme site.

A hydrophobicity plot of the HELA2 amino acid sequence (Figure 1) identifies two hydrophobic regions, one located at the amino terminus and the other at the carboxy terminus. The 20aa amino terminal hydrophobic region is likely to be a signal peptide, which could direct newly synthesized HELA2 to enter the endoplasmic reticulum. The 16aa hydrophobic carboxy terminus of HELA2 aligns with the transmembrane domain of prostasin, suggesting that HELA2 is likely to be a membrane-anchored serine proteinase. In prostasin, this protruding carboxy terminus may be cleaved, thus releasing the serine proteinase from the membrane. A unique feature of HELA2 is the presence of a putative mitochondrial localisation sequence directly after the signal peptide sequence.

Preliminary Northern blot data show (Figure 2) that HELA2 mRNA is expressed in the epithelial-like HeLa cell, but is not present in the monocyte-like U937 and MonoMac6 cells, suggesting that HELA2 expression demonstrates a degree of cell-type specificity and therefore is likely to have a specific physiological function.

The HELA2 cDNA was cloned in two isoforms, a short isoform and a long isoform. The nucleotide and corresponding amino acid sequence for the short isoform of HELA2 is shown in SEQ ID NOs. 3 and 4, respectively. The long isoform is shown in SEQ ID NO:5 and 6, respectively.

EXAMPLE 2

ATC2 SERINE PROTEINASE

ATC2 was isolated from the cDNA of PAI-2 expressing HeLa cells following treatment with TNF and cycloheximide. A partial DNA sequence for ATC2 cDNA has been obtained which encompasses the sequence encoding the serine proteinase catalytic region. Additional clones

extending to both 5′ and 3′ directions have been obtained. The available nucleic acid sequence of ATC2 cDNA and its deduced amino acid sequence shows that it is a member of the serine proteinase family with homology to hepsin, prostasin, and acrosin. It thus may belong to the same family as HELA2. The catalytic region includes the His, Asp and Ser conserved motifs. Preliminary Northern blot experiments have failed to detect ATC2 mRNA in total RNA isolated from resting HeLa cells, suggesting that it may not be expressed in abundance in these cells, which may mean that it is tightly regulated. As it was isolated from cells following treatment with TNF and cycloheximide, its expression may be induced by these agents in HeLa cells. These data have potential significance for a role for ATC2 in apoptosis and cell death. ATC2 may be intracellular, extracellular or found on the cell surface and is likely to be involved in regulating cell functions. Thus ATC2 may have potential significance in the treatment of cancer and diseases involving dysregulation of cell growth and survival. The nucleotide and corresponding amino acid sequence of ATC2 is shown in SEQ ID NOs: 7 and 8, respectively.

EXAMPLE 4

BCON3

The deduced amino acid sequence of BCON3 (SEQ ID NO:10) reveals that it is novel. At both the DNA and protein level, BCON3 shows homology to members of the kinase family of proteins. Although it cannot be classified as a member of any particular sub-family of kinases, alignments of the BCON3 protein with the conserved domains of thymidine kinases and tyrosine and serine/threonine protein kinases indicates possible ATP/GTP binding and phosphate transfer regions. Thus, it may be the first member of a new family of kinases. Analysis of the translation product using hydrophobicity plots and the Prosite protein analysis algorithms indicates BCON3 may lack an N-terminal signal sequence (that is, it is likely to encode an intracellular protein) and it possess a nuclear localization signal. BCON3 mRNA is approximately 2300 nucleotides in length. cDNA sequence (SEQ ID NO:9) has been obtained covering about 95% of the transcript and including the 3′ polyA tail. BCON3 mRNA is expressed in normal HeLa

cells, as well as in HeLa cell clones that express PAI-2 (Figure 3).

Those skilled in the art will appreciate that the invention described herein is susceptible to variations and modifications other than those specifically described. It is to be understood that the invention includes all such variations and modifications. The invention also includes all of the steps, features, compositions and compounds referred to or indicated in this specification, individually or collectively, and any and all combinations of any two or more of said steps or features.

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(i) SEQUENCE CHARACTERISTICS:
(A) LENGTH: 32 base pairs
(B) TYPE: nucleic acid
(C) STRANDEDNESS: single
(D) TOPOLOGY: linear

(ii) MOLECULE TYPE: DNA

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(D) TOPOLOGY: linear

(ii) MOLECULE TYPE: DNA

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(C) STRANDEDNESS: single
(D) TOPOLOGY: linear

(ii) MOLECULE TYPE: DNA

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TCC GGG TGG ATG GTC CAG TTT GGC CAG CTG ACT TCC ATG CCA TCC TTC       337
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His Leu Phe Leu Lys Tyr Ser Phe Arg Lys Asp Ile Phe Gly Asp Met
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220                 225                 230                 235

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(A) LENGTH: 313 amino acids

(B) TYPE: amino acid

(D) TOPOLOGY: linear

(ii) MOLECULE TYPE: protein

(xi) SEQUENCE DESCRIPTION: SEQ ID NO:4:

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     50                  55                  60

His Val Cys Gly Val Ser Leu Leu Ser His Arg Trp Ala Leu Thr Ala
 65                  70                  75                  80

Ala His Cys Phe Glu Thr Asp Leu Ser Asp Pro Ser Gly Trp Met Val
                 85                  90                  95

Gln Phe Gly Gln Leu Thr Ser Met Pro Ser Phe Trp Ser Leu Gln Ala
            100                 105                 110

Tyr Tyr Thr Arg Tyr Phe Val Ser Asn Ile Tyr Leu Ser Pro Arg Tyr
        115                 120                 125

Leu Gly Asn Ser Pro Tyr Asp Ile Ala Leu Val Lys Leu Ser Ala Pro
    130                 135                 140

Val Thr Tyr Thr Lys His Ile Gln Pro Ile Cys Leu Gln Ala Ser Thr
145                 150                 155                 160

Phe Glu Phe Glu Asn Arg Thr Asp Cys Trp Val Thr Gly Trp Gly Tyr
                165                 170                 175

Ile Lys Glu Asp Glu Ala Leu Pro Ser Pro His Thr Leu Gln Glu Val
            180                 185                 190

Gln Val Ala Ile Ile Asn Asn Ser Met Cys Asn His Leu Phe Leu Lys
        195                 200                 205

Tyr Ser Phe Arg Lys Asp Ile Phe Gly Asp Met Val Cys Ala Gly Asn
    210                 215                 220
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Gly Val Gly Cys Gly Arg Pro Asn Arg Pro Gly Val Tyr Thr Asn Ile
            260                 265                 270

Ser His His Phe Glu Trp Ile Gln Lys Leu Met Ala Gln Ser Gly Met
        275                 280                 285

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- (B) TYPE: nucleic acid
- (C) STRANDEDNESS: single
- (D) TOPOLOGY: linear

(ii) MOLECULE TYPE: DNA

(ix) FEATURE:
- (A) NAME/KEY: CDS
- (B) LOCATION: 17..961

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Gly Gly Glu Asp Ala Glu Leu Gly Arg Trp Pro Trp Gln Gly Ser Leu
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        110                 115                 120

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Cys Asn His Leu Phe Leu Lys Tyr Ser Phe Arg Lys Asp Ile Phe Gly
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Asp Met Val Cys Ala Gly Asn Ala Gln Gly Gly Lys Asp Ala Cys Phe
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968

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(A) LENGTH: 314 amino acids
(B) TYPE: amino acid
(D) TOPOLOGY: linear

(ii) MOLECULE TYPE: protein

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Glu Leu Gly Arg Trp Pro Trp Gln Gly Ser Leu Arg Leu Trp Asp Ser
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Ser Trp Gly Val Gly Cys Gly Arg Pro Asn Arg Pro Gly Val Tyr Thr
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(2) INFORMATION FOR SEQ ID NO:7:

(i) SEQUENCE CHARACTERISTICS:
(A) LENGTH: 799 base pairs
(B) TYPE: nucleic acid
(C) STRANDEDNESS: single
(D) TOPOLOGY: linear

(ii) MOLECULE TYPE: DNA

(ix) FEATURE:
(A) NAME/KEY: CDS
(B) LOCATION: 24..799

(xi) SEQUENCE DESCRIPTION: SEQ ID NO:7:

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Glu Gln Glu Lys Glu Pro Arg Trp Leu Thr Leu His Ser Asn Trp Glu
10 15 20 25

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Cys Glu Ser Arg Ser Lys Ile Ser Leu Leu Cys Thr Lys Gln Asp Cys
            45                  50                  55

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        60                  65                  70

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Pro Ser Gly His Ile Cys Gly Cys Val Leu Ile Ala Lys Lys Trp Val
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GTG ACA GTT GCC CAC TGC TTC GAG GGG AGA GAG AAT GCT GCA GTT TGG      386
Val Thr Val Ala His Cys Phe Glu Gly Arg Glu Asn Ala Ala Val Trp
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Ser Glu Thr Gly Tyr Val Arg Pro Val Cys Leu Pro Asn Pro Glu Gln
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Ser Leu Glu His Cys Gln Ser Tyr Phe Asp Met Lys Thr Ile Thr Thr
        220                 225                 230

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Arg Met Ile Cys Ala Gly Tyr Glu Ser Gly Thr Val Asp Ser Cys Met
    235                 240                 245

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(2) INFORMATION FOR SEQ ID NO:8:

(i) SEQUENCE CHARACTERISTICS:

(A) LENGTH: 258 amino acids

(B) TYPE: amino acid

(D) TOPOLOGY: linear

(ii) MOLECULE TYPE: protein

(xi) SEQUENCE DESCRIPTION: SEQ ID NO:8:

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Ser Leu Leu Cys Thr Lys Gln Asp Cys Gly Arg Arg Pro Ala Ala Arg
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Asn Ser

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(B) TYPE: nucleic acid
(C) STRANDEDNESS: single
(D) TOPOLOGY: linear

(ii) MOLECULE TYPE: DNA

(ix) FEATURE:
(A) NAME/KEY: CDS
(B) LOCATION: 166..1773

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(2) INFORMATION FOR SEQ ID NO:10:

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(A) LENGTH: 535 amino acids
(B) TYPE: amino acid
(D) TOPOLOGY: linear

(ii) MOLECULE TYPE: protein

(xi) SEQUENCE DESCRIPTION: SEQ ID NO:10:

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            100                 105                 110

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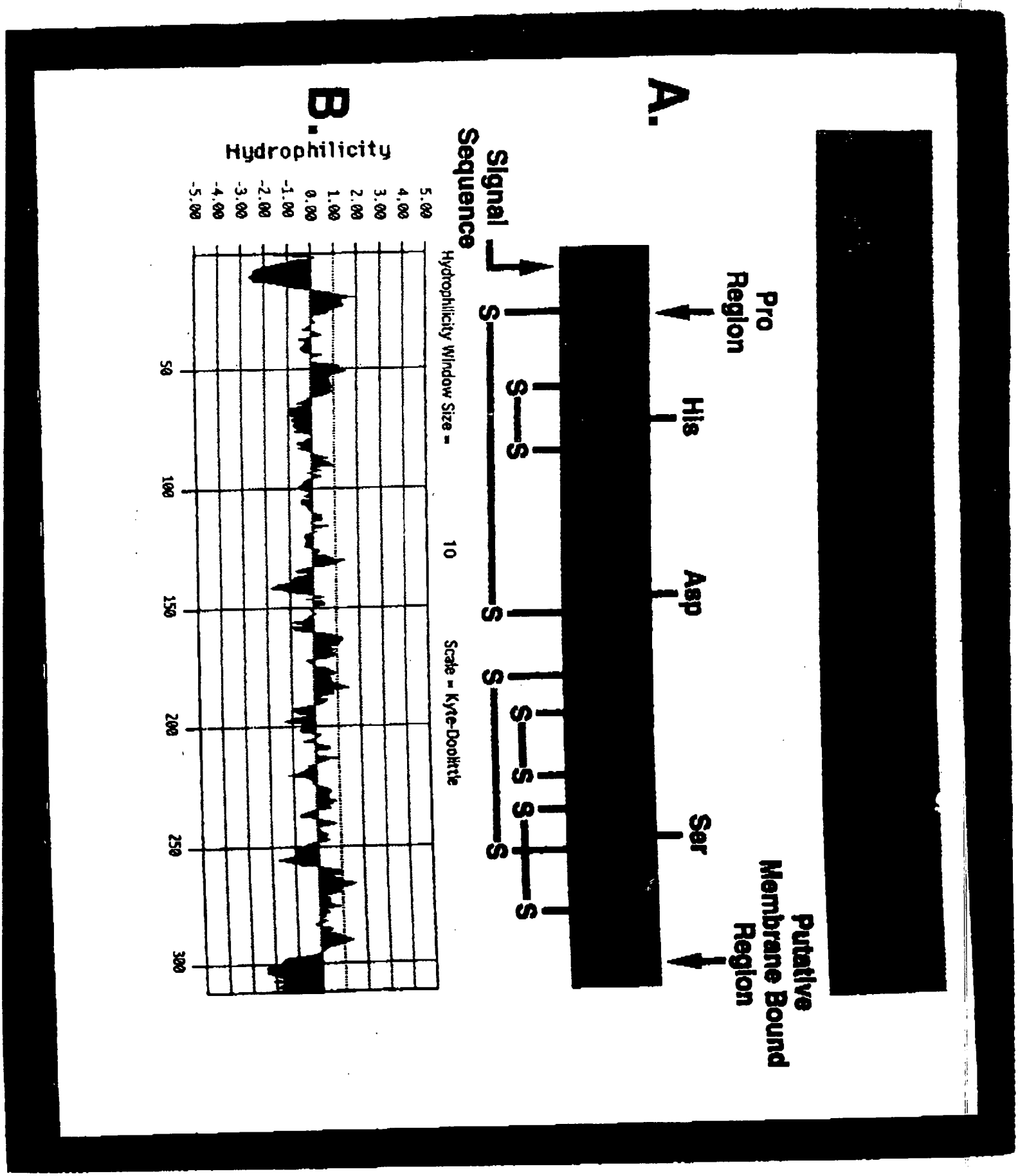
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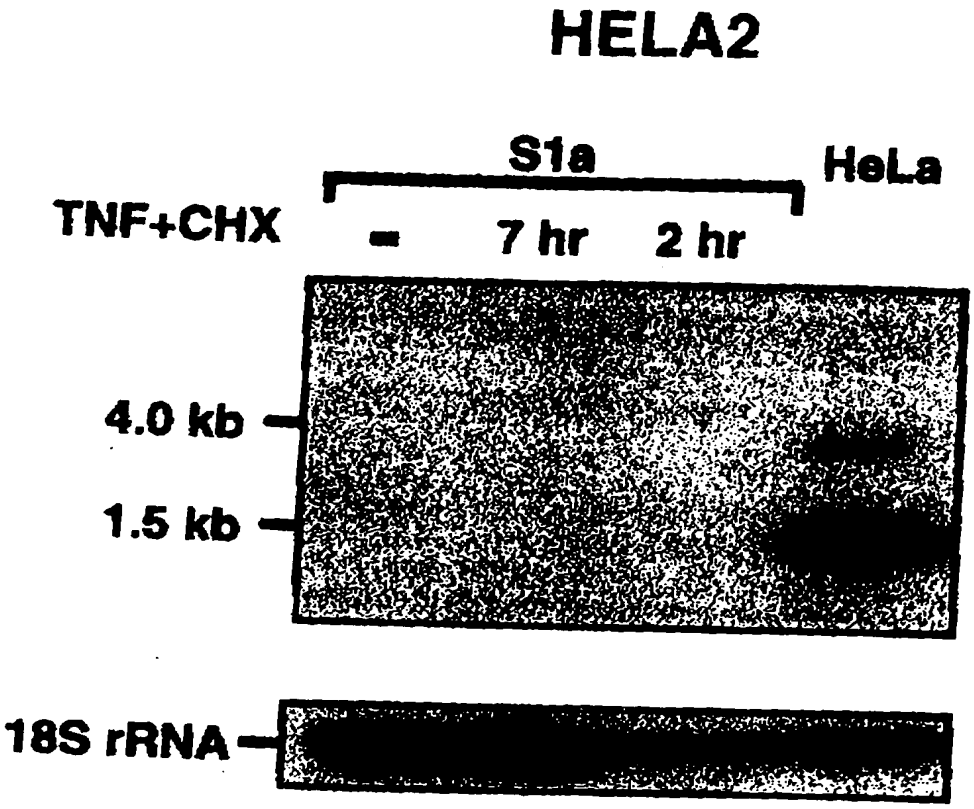

FIGURE 2

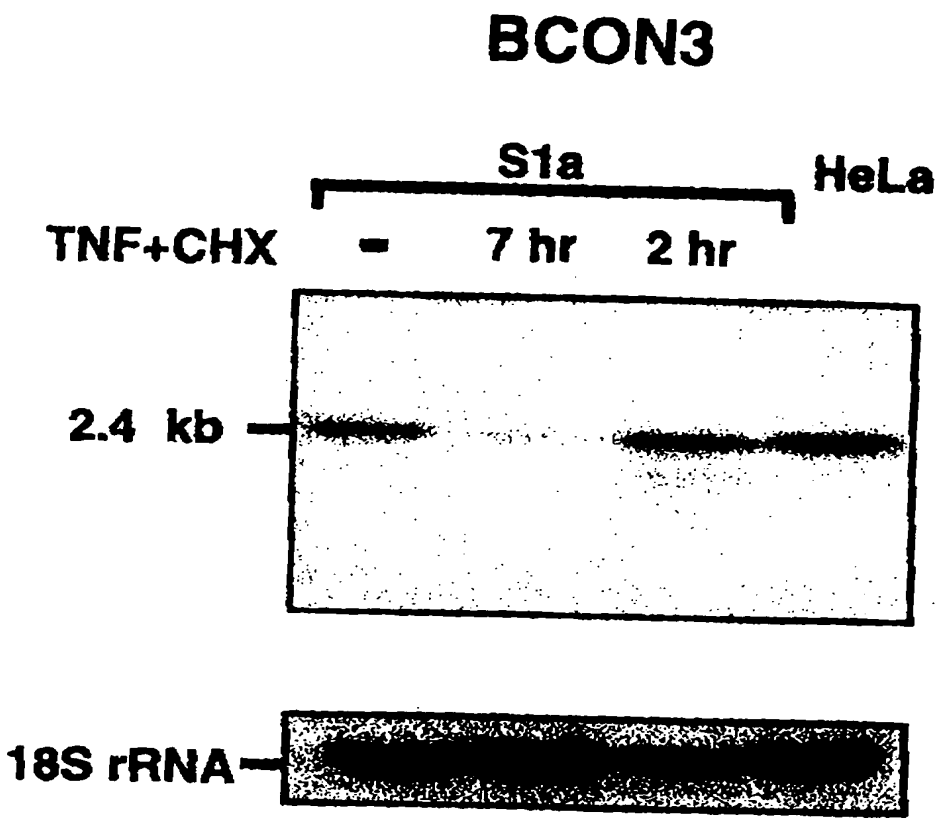

FIGURE 3